Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Francis Floyd Eldon Merritt has been a loyal citizen of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Eldon started working for State Radio Communications on June 14, 1976, in the Parker Station; and,

WHEREAS, Before and during his distinguished career, Eldon married Emma Eula Beadle on May 22, 1953, and they were blessed with seven children--Daniel, Gary, David, James, Lorretta, Kathleen, and Cheryl, which has resulted in ten grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, Eldon is active in the VFW and South Dakota Peace Officers and has been active in Boy Scouts, Parker Ambulance Service, and the Parker Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, After over thirteen years of dedicated service to State Radio Communications, Eldon retired from employment on December 8, 1989; and,

WHEREAS, On May 5, there will be a celebration in Parker by family and friends to honor Eldon; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of the milestones in the lives of exemplary South Dakotans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 5, 1990, as

FRANCIS FLOYD ELDON MERRITT DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Sixth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE